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Question: Which Risk-based Performance Standards (RBPS) apply to a high-risk facility?

Answer:

All 18 of the RBPS in 6 CFR § 27.23 must be addressed in a high-risk facility's Site Security Plan (SSP). However, that does not mean that every facility must necessarily include specific security measures in its SSP for every RBPS. Depending on a facility's specific security and vulnerability issues, it may not need to include security measures for one or more of the specific RBPS. (For example, a high-risk facility that does not possess any chemicals that present a risk of theft or diversion may not need to have specific security measures to satisfy RBPS 6 (Theft and Diversion.) DHS will determine which RBPS actually apply to each facility based on the information about that facility available to DHS (including the facility's Top Screen(s), its Security Vulnerability Assessment(s), and the information submitted in the SSP itself). DHS expects, however, that certain RBPS will be applicable to virtually every facility. These include RBPS 1 through 5 and 8 through 18. DHS expects that RBPS 6 (Theft and Diversion) and 7 (Sabotage) will apply only to facilities that have certain security/vulnerability issues. Refer to section 4.0 of the SSP instruction manual for more information and context.